The Times section Bispatch

# Virginia League Players Report for Practice This Week

# LEAGUE PRESIDENT **EXPECTS CHANGES**

Chief Executive Predicts That Magnates Will Make Corrections.

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

beginning to realize the utter impossibility of doing business successfully under the makeshift schedule adopted at the recent meeting held here, when most of meeting held here, when most of the owners assuaged their consciences for voting "Aye" on the roll call by pronouncing the makeshift jumble of dates an "equitable

President J. O. Boatwright, who, more than any other man, realized that an equitable sched- Athletes Will Be Divided Into ule in such a circuit as the Virginia League could not be drawn within a few brief moments, if at within a few brief moments, if at all, is now working out the details, such as mileage to be travell. The place will be announced later.

There will be two classes only, junior and senior. The junior class will inshow at a glance exactly how poor a schedule has been adopted for clude all boys seventeen years of age and under. The sentor class will include all young men over seventeen the six cities of the circuit to work under. Those of us who have given the schedule merely a curgiven the schedule merely a cursory reading have already dis-covered the things Mr. Boatwright is called upon to make! more clear to the magnates, who, (Continued On Third Page.)

From Which to Pick

the Techs will encounter the strong team representing Trinity Park School. The season generally starts here with the Park School, which always puts out a very strong team, and the game is expected to be a closely contested one. This game will be the first means of determining the strength of the Red and White aggregation, as there has been little chance for real practice for the past month on account of the bad weather. However, there is an abundance of material out, and as soon as Coach Anderson has a chance to weed it out and pick the best men for the different positions a better line can be had on the strength of the team as a had on the strength of the team as a whole. From present indications the strongest points will be the batteries and outfield.

Captain Farmer, who played centre field for the past three years, will most probably be shifted to first base, although this may not be necessary, as there are several men trying for this position. At second base, either Correlle Hodgin or Tenney, and at third relle, Hodgin or Tenney, and at third Gammon and Selfert are putting up a hard fight. At shortstop, Wheeler seems to be the most likely candidate, as he is exceedingly fast in that posi-tion, getting everything that comes his way. The outer garden positions will be contested for by Correlle and Farmer, in case they are not shifted to the infield, and Patton and Jaynes, of last year's varsity, who will be given a hard race by some of the new men and last year's scrubs, including Liverman, Albright, Carlton, Coleman and several (Continued On Second Page.)

# **BOOE REMAINS**

the St. Paul, American Association, baseball club to obtain Everett Booe, under contract with the Indianapolis Federal League team now teaching the Presbyterian Colege team here, gave out a copy of a telegram to the

St. Paul club. The copy read: "Your proposed contract just received. It would be impossible for me to execute this contract, as I already have one with the Pederal League, as I fully explained to your MA Friel when he was here to see me last

## NORFOLK GETTING **READY FOR RACES**

NNEW SCHEDULE Spring Meet at Jamestown Track Promises to Be Best Promises to Be Best Ever Held.

## MANY NEW STABLES BROUGHT

All of Old Favorites on Hand. Betting Ring Again Open.

Practically Impossible for Circuit to Remain Intact Under Abortive Schedule Now Recognized as Official—Roanoke and Portsmouth Chief Sufferers.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Gradually the magnates of the Virginia League, so it is said, are beginning to realize the utter impossible for Circuit weeks intervening ere the bugle calls the horses to the post for the inauguration of the Jamestown Jockey Clubs spring meeting of fifteen days here, April 1 to 17, owners and trainers of the sixty-odd thoroughbreds airready quartered at the seasible course of Manager Pob Levy are a busy low. The two-year-olds owned by Harry Payne Whitney, in charge of Trainer Albert Simons, and of Richard T. Wilson, Jr., trained by A. G. Weston, are all forward in their preparation and half-miles in better than :52 are of common occurrence. William Martin's stable of older horses, and the Beverwyck stable's big lot—the forerumers of the mammoth shipment soon to arreceive twelves.

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Two Classes, Seniors and Juniors.

The senior events will be 100-yard (Continued On Second Page.)

sociation has been extended from last midnumber of bowlers who desired to enter

## MANAGER RAY RYAN AND FAMILY



Americans defeated the New Orleans Southern League team here to-day, 4 to 2. Ty Cobb missed a train in Atlanta, and did not arrive in time to second annual bowling tournament under take part, but will play in to-morrow's the auspices of the Richmond Bowling As-exhibition game.

# West Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—The baseball season at Agricultural and Mechanical will begin Monday, when the Techs will encounter the strong team representing Trinity Park School. The season generally starts here with

Dailas. Tex., March 14.—The Dailas Texas
League team defeated the first team of the
New York Nationals here to-day by a score
of 4 to 9. Mathewson worked five innings for
the big leaguers and held Dailas to one run.
The score
Dailas. 4 7 0
New York. 0 2 2
Batteries—Huenke, Smith and Menefee:
Mathewson, Schupp and McLean.

Dailas. Tex., March 14.—The Dailas
John Marshall Club Lose.

Fredericksburg. Va., March 14.—The Fredericksburg basketball team defeated John
Marshall Athletic Club, of Richmond, in a
well-played game of basketball here last
night, the score being 29 to 14.

## Berger Reports to Ryan

Clarence Edward Berger, 196 pounds strong, arrived in Richmond yesterday and reported to Manager Itay Ityan, ready for work. Berger is the second Colt to report, Doc Newton having preceded him by several days. Though about twelve pounds overweight, the collegian expects little trouble ridding himself of the surplayage. Byan ex-

concets little trouble ridding himself of the surplanage. Ryan expects to make an outfielder out of Berger. The youngster has caught heretofore, but believes that he can make good anywhere he is placed. He says that he is in great shape, and will give anybody a buttle for a regular berth.

Dolly Gray is the first Colt to be sent transportation. The big fellow is at West Baden, Ind., training, and was yesferday sent a ticket to Richmond. He will be here Wednesday, stopping a day or two in Charleston, W. Va., on his way here.

Manager Ryan likewise announced that he had signed another outfielder in Frank Moren, brother of Emmett Moren, who was with Norfolk last season. The new man comes with a bully record, and should help Ryan in making up his outer brenstworks.

# TEXAS LEAGUERS

of the New York Americans was defeated here to-day by the local Texas League team

## NO-HIT HONORS BY JUST ONE LONE TAP

Many Near-Heroes During Thirteen Years of American League History.

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Since the American League started out to compete with the National League for popular favor, thirteen years ago, forty-seven of its artillerists have missed getting their portraits in the pitchers' hall of fame (a space reserved for those who deny their opponents hits), by the scantest of possible margins—i. e., as Horace Fogel was wont to say, by the margin of one hit. The records of the Johnson organization, from 1991 to 1913, inclusive, show seventy-three one-swat combats for the hurlers and sixteen no-safety controversies. Some boxmen who are not in the no-hit class have come so near to entering it that it is small wonder they have been peeved at the conclusion of games in which their rivals procured only one wee safety. Other slabmen now in the ranks of the no-hit heroes had to rid their systems of several near no-hit contests before they were able to get their names on the honor record by denying the opposition safeties.

Took Joss Long Time.

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The late Eddie Joss, of the Naps, ad quite a time breaking into the nohit class. On six occasions before he did so the Clevelander limited his ad-(Continued On Third Page.)

## DOBSON TO HAVE RATHER HARD JOB

Baseball Material at Richmond battle of their mat career. Al-College Not So Good as at First Thought.

With the arrival of more favorable with the arrival of more favorable weather, the Spider ball tossers are beginning to loosen up a little and to show a little better form. The cold weather of the first part of the week, of course, cut off all chance for practice but whenever there has been half a chance to ge in any work they have been out and practicing under the eye of Coach Dobson. It is very evident that there is great need for practice, for, as a whole, the squad does not apfor, as a whole, the squad does not ap-pear to be nearly as good as they looked on paper before the practice

Yesterday afternoon, as well as Fri

# WALLOP YANKEES WILLIAM AND MARY

to 1. The big leaguers were unable to bunch their hits.

The score:

R. H. B. Galveston

2 4

New York.

1 7 1

Ratteries—Sewell, Herbert, Hiett and Noyes; Cole, Warhop and Reynolds.

PITSBURGHFEDS

HAVE FIRST WORK

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A mateur baseball affairs are fairly humming these days. The Capital City Lengue held a meeting during the was the first and better article of ball could be developed. Tucker and Peachy this man of 1911, well asset to choose from the country of the first game with the result of the first game with the result for the season. Fifty may be supposed twice a week. The first game will be played with the first game will be playe

## **ALBRIGHT READY** FOR HIS BATTLE WITH JOE TURNER

Feud of Long Standing Will Be Settled Tuesday Night.

## MATCH WILL BE FINISH AFFAIR

Best Two Out of Three Falls to Decide Middleweight Title. Youngsters Have Been at Loggerheads for Months. Each Has Defeated Other.

BY "REFEREE."

Those fans of the mat game who have been pining for a championship finish bout, with no fangs drawn, will be given the opportunity of their young lives. Come Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock, in the Academy of Music, when Connie Albright, of Hor-nell, N. Y., meets Joe Turner, of Richmond and Washington, in an engagement for the world's middleweight wrestling title. Albright and Turner have met twice and each has won a decision; now comes the rub.

Both boys are fit as a fiddle, both are trained to the minute and both will try to put up the bright promises to weigh not more than 162 pounds, while Turner will probably enter the ring about three pounds under that weight. Neither Turner nor Albright has let up a minute. They will be after each other, hammer and tongs, until one has been declared victor. Then will probably come the end of the fued between the youngsters.

Exchange Greetings.

Albright has called Turner everything from a fourflusher to a quitter; and Turner, in kind, has applied a few choice epithets to Albright. Between the wordy exchanges there has managed to arise a very appreciable fight-(Continued On Third Page.)

Cherry Smash will be Highfield, Sales and Bowles. The Smashes expect a more than usually successful season.

The four clubs composing the Capttal City League are Collegians, Grays,

Battle Axe and Ashland. The Ashland team will be managed this season by R. K. Wilkinson, who last year successfully piloted the Barton Heights aggregation. aggregation.

A meeting of the amateur commis-sion will be held this week upon the return of President Julien Hill, who has been called out of the city on business. Secretary Hooper, of the com-mission, announces the following con-tracts turned in during the week:

Richmond Lengue.
With Kingan & Company—James A reamer, Leo Creamer, O. Sutterlin, B. J. Beasley

With Walk-Over Shoe Company-C. Berry, I. W. Creekmore, J. R. Camp-ell, Walter Chamberlayne, I. B. Eubank, G. A. Green, H. B. Selfert, D. J.

Kelly, Linwood Turner, R. J. Shaw.

## TWENTY-FOUR PROSPECTIVE COLTS TO ANSWER MANAGER RAY RYAN'S CALL FOR SPRING PRACTICE

Saturday Will Find Entire Squad Here Ready for Work-All Virginia League Cities Prepared for Season's Opening, April 16-Reports Are All Optimistic-Roanoke Has Outfielder-Manager.

BY GUS MALBERT.

In just one little week from the moment you lamp these lines, brother and sister fans, the bleak, dank and dour days will have been yanked into the discard, and you may journey joyously to the West Broad Street grass plat and thereon inspect to your heart's delight the 1914 crop of prospective Colts. Just what the harvest will be no man knoweth as yet. It will take the unfolding days to tell whether your new manager, Raymond Ryan, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has chosen wisely and well. However, while there is hope there will be those of us brave enough to make up the throng and pass through the gates.

By Saturday every one of the twenty-four young men, to whom transportation will be sent Tuesday, should be here. Some of them will be here before Saturday, but the round-up will likely occur at the tag end of the week. The same is true of all the cities in the Virginia League. Manager Harry Wall, of Portsmouth, has already sent out his transportation, and the Pirates will cross the ferry in droves. Wall apparently has more men to choose from than any other manager in the league. He is to make a desperate effort to get a winning team, and he is passing up no possibilities.

Mathews Well Satisfied With Prospects.

In Newport News, Harry Mathews reports a prospectively great team for the Shipbuilders. Most of the men to whom he will send car fare are known to him personally, or through reports received from personal friends. He expects no unknown quantities, and for this reason the number of men to report to him will be in wonderful contrast to the number of men Paul Davis brought along last season. Abe Horwitz, who is the leading light of the Newport News baseball world, is for this reason abnormally happy. In a talk with us some weeks ago, he remarked that he was actually unable to count the men who came to him for salary last season. "Claims came in so fast that I had to emplay a private secretary just to take care of the ball players. Otherwise I would have been unable to attend to my business. I write Secretary Farrell, of the National Association, and told him that every Sunday school picnic headed for Newport News brought players, who afterwards sent in claims for salary. It was terrible, and I'm glad we have Mathews this year.

Roanoke, under new ownership, now that President Elliott has disposed of his holdings, with the exception of a paltry \$100, has engaged a new manager to succeed Buck Pressly, who goes to Norfolk, to which city Mr. Elliott must now look for financial rewards in baseball. O. O. Mills is the name of the new Tiger leader. He comes with a splendid recommendation, having won several pennants for the Vicksburg club, in the Cotton States League. Mills is an outfielder, quite an innovation in Virginia League circles. It has been many a day since the pilot of any club in this organization has worked in the outfield. Just at present, with the exception of the newcomer, every other leader is either a catcher or infielder. But at that, Manager Mills appears to be a hustler. As late as he got in the game, he has neverthe less managed to assemble quite a nifty stable, and expects to arrive in Roanoke about the 20th of the month.

Norfolk, under Pressly's guidance, should prove a good investment for Mr. Elliott. Pressly was to have reported to Richmond as manager, but subsequently (Continued On Second Page)